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1. The new armored barracks in Pecs is near the central square, bounded by Malomi and Siklosi Streets and the connecting street Aranhosi ut. It consists of a two-story command building, 15 by 60 m; a one-story quarters building, 20 by 85 m; a weapons and munitions magazine and two garages for armor, each 16 by 80 m. It can take 750 to 800 men at most.
2. The barracks is now occupied by an armored regiment with the Commander: Major Jozsef Peterfi, about 36 years old, a former factory worker. He was trained in the USSR and has been in command since 1 Jan 53. He is an able officer and a convinced Communist. The political officer is 1st Lt Lajos Komaromi, about 25 years old, a former worker in the Rakosi combine. He is an activist, very strict, but just.
3. The regiment has a communications company, with a telephone platoon and a radio platoon. It has a 1st Armored Battalion commanded by Lt Lajos Sulak, about 25 years old, from a peasant family, not a strong Communist but a well trained officer. The battalion political officer is Sub-Lt Pasztor, 24 years old, from a peasant family, well liked by the men. The three companies of this battalion each consist of two platoons, each of four squads, with a T/O of five officers, 5 noncommissioned officers and 110 men. The men are of the active classes, the youngest being of the class of 1931. They wear blue insignia. Battalion and companies [redacted] as the regiment, [redacted] The battalion has at present only two Stalin III tanks and 12 T-34/85s, not having received its full equipment. The Stalin tanks are used in turn. There is some new equipment in the garages, but only the old is used in training.
4. The regiment also has an S/P gun battalion, commanded by Lt Peter Kemenes, 25 years old, an activist and very unpopular. It has three companies of the same strength as the tank companies. There are 10 SU-122 S/P guns. Six of the platoons each have one of these guns, the remainder belonging to the NCO school attached to the regiment. In addition there is a recruit training school under Lt Peter Peri, about 25 years old, not a Communist.
5. The regiment is under the division command at Nagykanizsa. The following cars have been observed: 4 jeeps, 8 Wiepon trucks, 12 Csepel trucks, but there may be more. Recruit training lasts 12 weeks before the recruits begin training on armor.
6. The Kiss Janos Infantry Barracks was formerly known as Ferenc Jozsef Barracks. It is on Nagy-Jeno gasse, bordered by Rokus gasse, and Makar gasse. It can accommodate a regiment of 1,100 to 1,200 men.

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7. At this barracks there is a rifle regiment with a staff, regimental troops and one battalion.
8. The motorized infantry barracks was formerly known as Fehervari Barracks. It is on Alsomalom gasse, bordered by Battyhany gasse, Somogyi Bela Street and Legszeszgyar gasse. The western buildings are occupied by a motorized infantry battalion and the driver's school attached to it. The total number is 450 men; they wear blue insignia. The eastern buildings are occupied by a mortar section and an attached mortar school. The equipment consists of about 60 Soviet heavy mortars of 122 mm caliber. The units frequently hold live ammunition exercises in the Mecsek Mountain. Mortar men from other formations often come to it for training. There is a large auto park at this barracks, but it is impossible to tell which cars belong to which formations. It consists of sixteen 3.5-ton Csepel trucks, and 72 to 74 Wiepons.
9. The Nagy Jano Artillery Barracks was formerly known as the Frigyes Foherceg Barracks. It is on Alsomalom gasse, bordered by the Liszt Ference gasse, Legszeszgyar gasse and Zsinal gasse. In it there is a motorized reconnaissance company, each man of which has a machine pistol and green shoulder boards. In the southern buildings there is a motorized artillery regiment about 650 men strong, with red shoulder boards. The regimental troops are there and one section is equipped with 12 guns. The auto park at the barracks consists of 10 or 12 passenger cars, 26 Wiepon prime movers, eighteen 3.5-ton trucks.
10. At the artillery barracks on Szigeti gasse important construction work has been carried on during the current year 1952. It is now partly occupied by a motorized artillery section, belonging to the regiment mentioned above, about 450 to 550 men strong. It is equipped with 180 mm guns with rubber wheels and split-trail carriages.
11. The Dozsa Gyorgy Infantry Officer's School was formerly the Zrinyi Cadet School. It is in the Szigeti suburb, and has taken over the buildings of the former Jesuit retreat next to it. There are 620 students at present in the school. They have green shoulder boards bearing a gold band. The commandant is Col Moor, about 30 years old, a convinced Communist. His brother is the Party secretary for the city of Pecs.
12. There is a new depot for armor in the Tuskes quarter in the south of the city. It occupies a triangle between the prolongation of Legszeszgyar gasse, Nagy Arpad gasse and Vagohid gasse. There is a guardhouse and two concrete garages, each 20 by 60 m. Each can take about 100 tanks. At present there are 55 to 60 various tanks and S/P guns in the place.
3. The AVH area command is at Rakoczi gasse 64 in a seized private house. The men belonging to the formation are quartered in a new three-story building on Nagy Florian gasse.
4. A three-story private house next to the Apollo movie on Perczel Mor gasse is occupied by a reinforcement command.

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